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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Pedro Philogene	Art Unit 3733

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Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2007.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6, 13-19 and 29-42 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-6, 13-19 and 29-42 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
 Páper No(s)/Mail Date 8/30/07, 9/14/07.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6, 13-19, 29-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hershberger et al. (5,470,354).

With respect to claims 1, 13, 40, Hershberger et al disclose an instrumented prosthetic knee trial (80) comprising an articulating surface (88,90) a polymer layer at the articulating surface; as set forth in column 7, lines 45-57; a body (84) having curved contoured surface; a sensor array (150,200) between the polymer layer and the curved contoured surface of the body; as best seen in FIGS.3, 26, the sensor array being capable of generating a signal in response to pressure; the polymer layer overlying substantially all the sensor array; a first joint trial having a curved convex articulating surface a second joint trial curved concave articulating surface for receiving the convex articulating surface of the first joint; as best seen in FIGS.1-2; the polymer layer having a curved contour substantially following the curved contour of the sensor array, as set best seen in FIG.4, the polymer layer overlying substantially all the sensor array, as best seen in FIGS. 18, 21; the body below the sensor array having a curved concave surface (96) adjacent to the sensor array.

With respect to claims 2-6, 14-19, 41-42, Hershberger et al et al discloses all the limitations; as set forth in column 6, lines 8-67, column 7, lines 1-67, column 8, lines 1-67, column 9, lines 1-67, column 10, lines 1-16; and as best seen in FIGS.1-32.

With respect to claims 29-39, the method steps, as set forth, would have been inherently carried out in the operation of the device; as set forth above.

***Response to Amendment***

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 9/17/07, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-6, 13-19, 29-42 under 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Hershberger et al. The declaration submitted on 8/30/07 is noted.

***Conclusion***

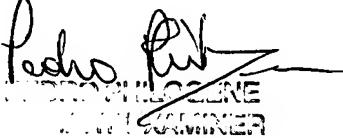
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-4716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571) 272 - 4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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November 16, 2007

  
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PATENT EXAMINER